

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTION AND STAFF OPERATIONS and ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM

Appropriations under the title "Executive Direction and Staff Operations" for 1953, and "Administrative Operations" for 1954 through 1956, financed top Central Office and field direction of all GSA programs. They also funded the portion of centralized financial, administrative, legal, and other support provided by the integrated GSA staff applicable to programs financed by operating-expenses appropriations for PBS, FSS, NARS and, in 1956, TPUS. As such, they were the forerunners of the "AO Fund" described elsewhere in the Digest.

HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

From 1950 through 1952, agencywide executive direction and staff operations were supported as a budget activity under the single "Operating Expenses, GSA" appropriation (discussed under the "Summary" section of the Digest).

In 1953, Congress split the consolidated appropriation into four separate items, one of which was "Executive Direction and Staff Operations", corresponding to the former budget activity for these purposes. At GSA's request, this new appropriation was retitled "Administrative Operations", which it remained until creation of the Administrative Operations Fund in 1957.

Although this appropriation was forerunner to the AO Fund, its content was not comparable. The appropriation provided services and support only to those components originally funded under the consolidated OE, GSA account (TPUS added in 1956), whereas the AO Fund financed these functions for all GSA programs.

DEVELOPMENT OF APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE

This appropriation initially appeared in the Independent Offices Appropriation Act, 1953 (P.L. 82-455). The last version in 1956 is shown below.

"Administrative operations:

For necessary expenses of executive direction for activities under the control of the General Services Administration, of administrative operations for activities under regular appropriations for "Operating Expenses", and of processing and determining renegotiation rebates; including not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for expenses of travel; and not to exceed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for purchase of newspapers and periodicals; \$\_\_\_\_\_: Provided, That no function budgeted under this appropriation shall be transferred to or financed from any other appropriation or fund."

BUDGETARY HISTORY OF APPROPRIATIONS  
\$(Thousands)

Fiscal -- <u>Year</u>	Estimate  <u>To OMB</u>	Presidents  <u>Allowance</u>	House  <u>Bill</u>	Senate  <u>Bill</u>	-----Appropriations Enacted-----  <u>Amount</u>	<u>P. L.</u>	<u>Date</u>
1950 - 1952 (See OE, GSA section of Digest)							
1953 <u>1/</u>	--	--	4,030	--	4,141	82-455	7/5/52
1954	5,728 4,480	5,300 4,200	(Withdrawn by new Administration) 4,141	4,200	4,200	83-176	7/31/53
1955	4,450	4,100	3,790	3,790	3,867 <u>2/</u>	83-428	6/24/54
1956	4,300	4,450	4,000	4,250	4,125	84-112	6/30/55
Pay Suppl	285	285	285	285	285	84-533	5/19/56
1957	5,181	5,100	-- <u>3/</u>	--	--	--	--

1/ Submitted as a budget activity of OE, GSA. House made separate appropriation; Senate restored as an OE, GSA budget activity. House prevailed in conference, and separate appropriation enacted.

2/ Includes \$77 thousand authorized by P.L. 84-123 for retroactive pay act increases.

3/ Administrative Operations Fund created.

FUNDS AVAILABLE, OBLIGATIONS AND OUTLAYS  
\$(Thousands)

Fiscal <u>Year</u>	Approp- <u>riations</u>	Other <u>Availability</u>	TOTAL <u>Availability</u>	Obligated <u>During Yr</u>	Unoblig. <u>Balances</u>	<u>Outlays</u>
1953	4,141	437 <u>1/</u>	4,578	4,532	46	3,813
1954	4,200	--	4,200	4,139	61	4,090



Pos	--	5	5	--	4	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
AE	--	6	6	--	2	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
AGS		GS 10.8/\$7,140			GS 12.0/\$8,617			--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Information

Pos	--	8	8	--	6	6	--	4	4	--	3	3	--	5	5	--	--	--	
AE	--	5	5	--	6	6	--	4	4	--	3	3	--	5	5	--	--	--	
AGS		GS 9.3/\$6,267			GS 8.2/\$6,013			GS 9.3/\$6,888			GS 8.7/\$6,553			GS 11.2/\$8,188			--	--	--

Business Service Centers

Pos	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10	1	11	--	--	--
AE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	9	1	10	--	--	--
AGS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	GS 10.5/\$6,934			--	--	--

Planning and Management Services

Pos	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	71	37	108
AE	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	69	37	106
AGS	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	GS 10.5/\$7,959		

TOTAL

Pos	550	583	1133	565	370	935	550	290	840	515	287	802	1048	751	1799	1087	733	1820	
AE	470	399	869	509	289	798	505	268	773	508	277	785	1036	728	1764	1070	719	1789	
AGS		GS 7.5/\$4,783			GS 7.7/\$5,395			GS 7.3/\$5,289			GS 7.5/\$5,429			GS 6.7/\$4,978			GS 6.9/\$5,451		